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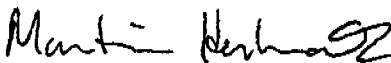

Mr. Frazer Lockhart
Department of Energy
Rocky Flats Office
P.O. Box 928
Golden, CO 80402-0928re: Extension Request for OU12,
OU13, and OU14 Draft RFI/RI
Workplans

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

Your requested extension of five weeks for each of the draft RFI/RI Workplans for OU12, OU13, and OU14 has been received and reviewed. The basis for your request as stated is insufficient since it does not detail when certain critical actions were accomplished by your office. What actions were taken to begin the contract procurement process? When were these actions taken? What transpired during any interim period? On what date were contract negotiations for each of these projects begun, what constitutes initiation of contract negotiations, and on what date were each of these contracts signed? If these contracting actions were put on hold for six weeks (or more), what actions were accomplished in their place during that time? Why are you anticipating a six week extension to be necessary for the final workplans of these OUs when you are requesting a five week extension for the draft workplans?

Until DOE submits a more complete description of its efforts to meet the schedule for these deliverables, the request for extensions cannot be considered. Please contact either or both of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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